

Claims:

~~Sub A2~~ 1. A coupling device for positioning electrical wire-carrying conduits to be supported by a supporting member capable of being secured to a structure above said coupling device, said supporting member comprising a stem having a free end portion, said coupling device comprising a tubular member having opposed axially aligned ends, each of said ends adapted to receive a mating conduit, said tubular member having a top surface and an aperture in said top surface adapted to be engaged by the free end portion of said stem of said supporting member.

2. A coupling device as in claim 1 wherein said top surface is raised relative to the exterior surface of said tubular member.

3. A coupling device as in claim 1 wherein said aperture is threaded internally and said stem of said supporting member is externally matingly threaded at least at its free end for engaging into said internally threaded aperture.

4. A coupling device as in claim 2 wherein said aperture is threaded internally and said stem of said supporting member is externally matingly threaded at least at its free end for engaging into said internally threaded aperture.

5. A coupling device as in claim 1 further including a lock nut along said stem for locking the free end of said stem into said aperture.

6. A coupling device as in claim 2 further including a lock nut along said stem for locking the free end of said stem into said aperture.

7. A coupling device as in claim 3 further including a lock nut along said stem for locking the free end of said stem into said aperture.

8. A coupling device as in claim 4 further including a lock nut along said stem for locking the free end of said stem into said aperture.

9. A coupling device as in claim 1 wherein a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

10. A coupling device as in claim 2 wherein a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

11. A coupling device as in claim 3 wherein a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

12. A coupling device as in claim 4 wherein a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

13. A coupling device as in claim 5 wherein a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

14. A coupling device as in claim 6 wherein a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

15. A coupling device as in claim 7 wherein a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

16. A coupling device as in claim 8 wherein a stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

17. A coupling device for positioning electrical wire-carrying conduits to be supported by a supporting member capable of being secured to a structure above said coupling device, said supporting member comprising a stem having a free end portion, said coupling device comprising a tubular member having opposed axially aligned ends, each of said ends adapted to receive a mating conduit, said tubular member having a top surface and an aperture in said top surface adapted to be engaged by the free end portion of said stem of said supporting member.

*Sub A3* > 18. A coupling device as in claim 17 wherein said top surface is raised relative to the exterior surface of said tubular member.

19. A coupling device as in claim 17 wherein said aperture is threaded internally and said stem of said supporting member is externally matingly threaded at least at its free end for engaging into said internally threaded aperture.

20. A coupling device as in claim 18 wherein said aperture is threaded internally and said stem of said supporting member is externally matingly threaded at least at its free end for engaging into said internally threaded aperture.

*Sub A4* > 21. A coupling device as in claim 17 further including a lock nut along said stem for locking the free end of said stem into said aperture.

22. A coupling device as in claim 18 further including a lock nut along said stem for locking the free end of said stem into said aperture.

23. A coupling device as in claim 19 further including a lock nut along said stem for locking the free end of said stem into said aperture.

24. A coupling device as in claim 20 further including a lock nut along said stem for locking the free end of said stem into said aperture.

*Sub as >* 25. A coupling device as in claim 17 wherein said stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

26. A coupling device as in claim 18 wherein said stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

27. A coupling device as in claim 19 wherein said stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

28. A coupling device as in claim 20 wherein said stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

29. A coupling device as in claim 21 wherein said stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

30. A coupling device as in claim 22 wherein said stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

31. A coupling device as in claim 23 wherein said stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

32. A coupling device as in claim 24 wherein said stop member projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

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